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2. USSR AGREES TO DEVELOP EGYPT'S RAW MATERIALS AND INDUSTRY

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In talks with Soviet ambassador Kiselev, the Ethiopian ambassador to Egypt learned that the USSR and Egypt had signed an agreement in September calling for Soviet technical assistance in developing Egypt's agriculture, industry and mineral resources. The Soviet ambassador said that the USSR presently did not plan to aid Egypt in constructing the Aswan high dam, believing that the country's industrial and mineral potential, which the Russians regard as substantial, should be developed first. Egypt is to pay for the assistance, but the USSR will "make available to Egypt facilities for payment."

Comment

The Egyptian government probably believes that by paying for the technical assistance it will have control over the projects and the foreign personnel working on them.

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3. COMMUNIST CHINA'S SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN

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Communist China's Second Five-Year Plan (1958-62), passed by the party congress on 27 September, calls for an increase in the total value of production of 75 percent over the First Five-Year Plan. Industry is to increase production by 100 percent and agriculture by 35 percent. Capital goods are to increase from 38 to 40 percent of total industrial production under the first plan to 50 percent under the new plan.

In general the industrial goals, while optimistic, are in line with present growth trends and appear feasible, granted the continuance of large-scale Soviet aid. The agricultural goals, on the other hand, while far more conservative than preliminary announcements, are believed to be still somewhat in excess of probable achievement.

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4. EOKA DEMONSTRATES CONTINUED CAPABILITY FOR TERRORISM

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The recent series of "skillfully executed exploits" by the Cypriot underground EOKA is a discouraging setback to the British authorities, the American consul on Cyprus reports. The British had been fairly confident that EOKA could not resume operations on such a scale after its abortive truce at the end of August.

The consul says EOKA still has men, weapons and organization, and despite numerous witnesses to many of the attacks, British authorities have obtained almost no pertinent information. Many captured terrorists have escaped, and EOKA has captured a number of weapons.

The consul concludes that, since the basic emotion of most Greek Cypriots is "liberation" from British rule by any means, it is questionable that the British can destroy EOKA's popular support.